

### Patent Claims

1. Process for the preparation of organic salts containing bis(perfluoroalkyl)-  
 5 phosphinate anions comprising at least the reaction of a tris(perfluoroalkyl)-  
 phosphine oxide with an alcohol and an organic base which is more strongly  
 basic than the alcohol.

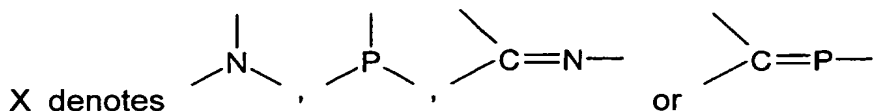
2. Process for the preparation of organic salts containing bis(perfluoroalkyl)-  
 10 phosphinate anions according to Claim 1,  
 characterised in that the organic base employed is a compound of  
 the general formula (1)



or of the general formula (2)



in which



20 Y denotes -O-, -S-, -Se-, -C(=O)-, -C(=S)- or -C(=Se)-,

R denotes -H for Y ≠ O and where, in the case of the formula (2), all R  
 cannot simultaneously be H,  
 straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,  
 25 straight-chain or branched alkenyl having 2-20 C atoms and  
 one or more double bonds,  
 straight-chain or branched alkynyl having 2-20 C atoms and  
 one or more triple bonds or  
 saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl  
 30 having 3-7 C atoms, in particular phenyl,  
 which may be substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms,

where the substituents R are in each case identical or different,

5 where the substituents R may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond,

where one or more, but not all, the substituents R may be partially or fully substituted by halogens, in particular -F and/or -Cl, or partially by -CN or -NO<sub>2</sub>,

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and where one or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of the substituent R may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)NR'-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)NH-, -S(O)NR'-, -S(O)O-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>O-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NH-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR'-, -N=, -N=N-, -NH-, -NR'-, 15 -PH-, -PR'-, -P(O)R'-, -P(O)R'-O-, -O-P(O)R'-O- and -PR'<sub>2</sub>=N- where R' = non-, partially or perfluorinated C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>- to C<sub>7</sub>-cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle.

20 3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2,

characterised in that the organic base employed is a compound selected from the group (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>P, (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P, CH<sub>3</sub>-S-CH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N-C(O)-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-Se-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, guanidine, pyridine, imidazole, N-methylimidazole, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, 25 pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, aniline, N,N-dimethylaniline, benzylamine, N-ethylbenzylamine or diphenyl sulfide.

4. Process for the preparation of organic salts containing bis(perfluoroalkyl)-phosphinate anions according to one or more of Claims 1 to 3, 30 characterised in that the alcohol employed is an aliphatic alcohol.

5. Process according to one or more of Claims 1 to 4,  
characterised in that the alcohol employed is a compound  
selected from the group methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol, butanol,  
hexanol and benzyl alcohol.
- 5 6. Process according to one or more of Claims 1 to 4,  
characterised in that the alcohol employed is a fluorinated aliphatic  
alcohol.
- 10 7. Process according to one or more of Claims 1 to 4,  
characterised in that the alcohol employed is an unsaturated  
alcohol.
- 15 8. Process for the preparation of organic salts containing bis(perfluoroalkyl)-  
phosphinate anions according to one or more of Claims 1 to 7,  
characterised in that the tris(perfluoroalkyl)phosphine oxide em-  
ployed is a tris(perfluoroalkyl)phosphine oxide in which the three perfluoro-  
alkyl groups are identical or different.
- 20 9. Process for the preparation of organic salts containing bis(perfluoroalkyl)-  
phosphinate anions according to one or more of Claims 1 to 8,  
characterised in that the tris(perfluoroalkyl)phosphine oxide  
employed is a tris(perfluoroalkyl)phosphine oxide in which the perfluoroalkyl  
groups contain 1 to 12 C atoms and are straight-chain or branched.
- 25 10. Process according to Claim 8 or 9,  
characterised in that the tris(perfluoroalkyl)phosphine oxide  
employed is a compound selected from the group  $(\text{CF}_3)_3\text{P}(\text{O})$ ,  $(\text{C}_2\text{F}_5)_3\text{P}(\text{O})$ ,  
 $(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)_3\text{P}(\text{O})$  or  $(\text{C}_4\text{F}_9)_3\text{P}(\text{O})$ .
- 30 11. Process for the preparation of organic salts containing bis(perfluoroalkyl)-  
phosphinate anions according to one or more of Claims 1 to 10,

characterised in that the reaction is carried out at a temperature of -20°C to 200°C.

- 5      12. Use of the organic salt containing a bis(perfluoroalkyl)phosphinate anion prepared according to one or more of Claims 1 to 11 as ionic liquid.
- 10      13. Use of the organic salt containing a bis(perfluoroalkyl)phosphinate anion prepared according to one or more of Claims 1 to 11 as phase-transfer catalyst or as surfactant.
- 15      14. Use of the organic salt containing a bis(perfluoroalkyl)phosphinate anion prepared according to one or more of Claims 1 to 11 as conductive salt in electrochemical cells.
- 20      15. Use of the organic salt containing a bis(perfluoroalkyl)phosphinate anion prepared according to one or more of Claims 1 to 11 as plasticiser.
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